

Subject: responses to questions from *E. coli* Triennial workgroup conference call

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Hi Mary Ellen and Kiran, I received the following responses from EPA's  
"bacteria lead." Please feel free to call me if you have any questions  
(312/353-6704).

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08/29/2003 01:08 PM To: Lars Wilcut/DC/USEPA/US@EPA  
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Subject: questions re: bacteria criteria

Hi Lars, can you please provide responses to the following questions  
that came up during a conference call last week? Thanks.

1. Does EPA require a numeric standard for secondary contact  
recreation? (I know the guidance recommends a numeric criterion to  
provide a basis for development of effluent limitations). The workgroup  
believes that a narrative standard would be sufficient since there are  
no studies supporting the recommended secondary contact recreation  
standards.

No. Having a numeric criterion would be good (particularly for permit  
limits), but it's not necessary.

2. Are you aware of any litigation challenging the secondary contact  
numbers? The workgroup is concerned since there is no science  
supporting the numbers.

No. Not aware of any litigation regarding secondary numbers.